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In re Application of	:	
Linda LEE, et al.	:	
Application No. 10/788,660	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: February 26, 2004	:	UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)
Attorney Docket No. 375461-001T2C2(355294)	:	

This is a decision on the petition under the unintentional provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed August 27, 2008, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

The application became abandoned for failure to timely pay the issue and publication fees on or before August 20, 2008, as required by the Notice of Allowance/Allowability, mailed May 20, 2008, which set a statutory period for reply of three (3) months. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on August 21, 2008.

A grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) must be accompanied by: (1) the required reply, unless previously filed; (2) the petition fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m); (3) a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional; and (4) any terminal disclaimer (and fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.20(d)) required by 37 CFR 1.137(d). Where there is a question as to whether either the abandonment or the delay in filing a petition under 37 CFR 1.137 was unintentional, the Director may require additional information. See MPEP 711.03(c)(II)(C) and (D). The instant petition lacks item (1) the required reply, payment of the issue/publication fees and supplemental oath/declaration as required by the Notice of Allowability mailed on May 20, 2008.

35 U.S.C. 41(a)(7) and 151 each require payment of the issue fee as a condition of reviving an application abandoned or patent lapsed for failure to pay the issue fee. The filing of a continuing application without payment of the issue fee or any outstanding balance thereof is not an acceptable reply in an application abandoned or patent lapsed for failure to the pay the issue fee or any portion thereof.

Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within TWO (2) MONTHS from the mail date of this decision. Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) are permitted. The reconsideration request should include a cover letter entitled

"Renewed Petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b)." This is **not** a final agency action within the meaning of 5 U.S.C. § 704.

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